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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF MILITARY DETAINEES

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE 21 RPT 21 MILITARY OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED SINCE TAKING PART IN JANUARY 1966 COUP WILL BE RELEASED OCTOBER 25.

2. COMMENT: RELEASE OF THESE DETAINEES FULFILLS AT LEAST PART OF PROMISE GOWON MADE IN OCTOBER 1ST SPEECH (LAGOS 9194) AND FOLLOWS CARRYING OUT EARLIER THIS MONTH OF SIMILAR PLEDGE TO LIBERATE PORTUGUESE SOLDIER HELD SINCE CIVIL WAR. AT THIS POINT OTHER NINE IMPRISONED OFFICERS (SEVEN CHARGED WITH BETRAYING FMG DURING BIAFRAN INVASION OF MID-WEST EARLY IN CIVIL WAR AND TWO BIAFRANS ACCUSED OF SADISTIC BEHAVIOR) DO NOT APPEAR TO BE INCLUDED IN RELEASE. FMG HAS NEVER MADE IT CLEAR IF GOWN PROMISE COVERED THESE NINE AND THEIR FATE REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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